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KILLS HIS AUNT WITH SHOTGUN

**Morris Banks Shoots Mrs.
Fenuel A. Sebree at
Trenton.**

MAY PLEAD INSANITY.

**Alleged Family Quarrel Over
Mr. Sebree's Will the
Cause.**

Elkton, Ky., Nov. 19.—Morris Banks, aged 24 years, this morning shot and killed his aunt, Mrs. Fenuel A. Sebree, at Trenton. Tonight he occupies a cell in the county jail here, awaiting a preliminary hearing, the exact date of which has not yet been set.

Banks was disarmed after the shooting by his brother, Strother, and offered no resistance whatever to Sheriff Lindsay, who arrested him at his home near Trenton. He has not spoken a word relative to the tragedy and to all appearances is absolutely unconcerned about it.

Coroner Weathers held an inquest at Trenton this afternoon and the testimony of numerous witnesses to the killing was in material respects the same.

SHOTS WITHOUT WARNING.

Mrs. Sebree was sitting in her buggy in front of the postoffice and was talking to Norton Garth, a young man who had just handed Mrs. Sebree her mail. Banks walked up to within ten feet of the buggy and without saying a word fired both barrels of a shotgun, the entire charge taking effect in Mrs. Sebree's neck and head and causing instant death.

Following the shooting he laid the shotgun in the buggy, drew a pistol from his pocket, cocked it and proceeded to his home, where he was taken in custody several hours later.

CONTENTION OVER WILL.

It is alleged an unpleasant feeling existed against Mrs. Sebree ever since the probate of the last will and testament of her husband, who died in May, 1908. By the terms of the instrument Mrs. Sebree was devised the entire estate, amounting to about \$125,000, and was made executor without bond.

The Banks family, among them Morris Banks' mother, a sister to Mr. Sebree, contested the will but it was admitted to probate. No appeal had been taken, but it was generally understood this would be done before the five years of limitation expired.

MELANCHOLY DISPOSITION.

Banks is said by his friends to be of a peculiarly retiring and melancholy disposition and a number of them profess to consider him mentally unbalanced. It is believed by them that the young man had become obsessed of an idea that Mrs. Sebree was standing between his mother and her just property rights. Fenuel A. Sebree was a brother of E. G. Sebree, the well known attorney and politician, who died several years ago at Henderson.

Both the Banks and Sebree families are among the most prominent in Southern Kentucky, and the deplorable affair has created the most intense excitement throughout this section.

Mrs. Sebree was about 58 years of age. She had no children. She is survived by a brother, Ed Carney, a well known traveling salesman of Cincinnati, and has a nephew, Geo. Cross, who is engaged in business in Louisville. No statement whatever has been given out by Banks' family or counsel. The defense probably will plead insanity.

Mr. Herndon Out.

Mr. Maun Herndon, who has been confined to his bed for several weeks with fever, is now a convalescent. He is able to be out a short while each day.

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Victim of Fire Loss In Indiana.

Mr. Harry L. Means, formerly of this city, but now of Charleston, Ind., lost heavily by fire a few nights ago. The following item is taken from the Hoosier Record, published at Charleston:

"The large barn of Harry L. Means at Iroquois Place just on the edge of town was burned to the ground about 8:30 o'clock Friday evening, the loss being in the neighborhood of \$6,000, with only \$1,000 insurance. Eight horses and mules, including Rumbler, a fine stallion, and a number of pigs perished in the building. The barn had just been filled with a large quantity of baled hay and other feed and contained all of Mr. Means' farming machinery."

Mr. Means is a son of the late George W. Means and was reared in Hopkinsville, but moved with his parents to Louisville, where he has a law office.

COUNCIL MEETING

**Ben Hadden Is Elected to
Police Force.**

A meeting of the council Friday night was devoted largely to committee business. The vacancy on the police force caused by the resignation of E. T. Shanklin was filled by the election of B. D. Hadden, who was serving by appointment.

Cobb & Co. were granted license to sell liquors in the former stand of T. M. Thomas & Co., Sixth street.

BROKE A LEG

**While in Practice Game of
Football.**

Ellis West, son of Mr. W. H. West, had the misfortune to break one of his legs a few days ago. The little fellow was in a practice game of football with some of his little friends, when the ball bounced over a fence. West in climbing over the fence, fell, and the limb was broken. The fracture was looked after by a surgeon and the little fellow is getting along as well as could be expected, but the injury will lay him up for several weeks.

KILLED WILD GOOSE.

**Brought Down One From
Flock of Forty.**

G. H. Adecock, son of Mr. W. E. Adecock, of near Church Hill, killed a wild goose a few days ago and the bird will be kept for Thanksgiving dinner. A flock of about forty geese were in a nearby wheat field when Mr. Adecock took a shot, but missed. The geese arose and flew towards him when he took another shot with a rifle and succeeded in bringing one down. The goose weighed nine pounds.

STATEMENT BY TAYLOR

**Says He Does His Contest-
ing Before The Election.**

Decatur, Ala., Nov. 18.—"I am now in the class with Bill Bryan, Teddy Roosevelt and all the rest of them," said Senator Bob Taylor of Tennessee yesterday at the Bismarck Hotel to your correspondent. "I do all of my contesting before the election," said he when asked if he would contest the election of Ben W. Hooper. Continuing Senator Taylor said, "I led a forlorn hope with sixty thousand majority to face, with the party disorganized and with six or eight prominent democrats opposing me on the stump. I recognized that I had but little show of election, but I accomplished my purpose, the solidification of the democratic party in Tennessee. We elected the legislature and the 'boys' are falling back into line. To the democrats who voted for Hooper I have but this to say, 'Come on back, we need you.'"

NAVAL GUN KILLS FOUR

**One Of Them Lieut. A. G.
Caffee, With Relatives
Here.**

PREMATURE DISCHARGE

**This Is The Third Such Ac-
cident In Last Few
Months.**

Washington, Nov. 19.—Four men were killed and one seriously injured by the premature explosion of a five inch, fifty-one calibre gun at the navy proving grounds at Indian Head, on the Potomac River shortly before noon today.

The dead and injured are: Lieut. Arthur G. Caffee, fatally injured, died within a few minutes after regaining consciousness. Lieut. Caffee was in charge of the gun at the time. He was formerly turret officer on the battleship Nebraska.

J. L. Brown, battery foreman, the man who fired the shot, instantly killed.

J. J. Leary, ordnance man, died a few minutes after the accident.

Nelson Jackson, a negro battery attendant, almost instantly killed.

Sydney Dysen, another negro, may not recover.

The only eye-witnesses to the explosion were Dysen and John C. Coleman, also colored. The latter escaped with but a slight shock.

The Navy Department today ordered a board of inquiry to investigate the tragedy. The accident was similar to those recently at Fortress Monroe and Charleston, S. C.

Lieut. Caffee was a nephew of Mrs. H. L. McPherson, of this city. He was from Missouri, was 27 years old and leaves a wife and one child. Assistant Secretary Winthrop says of him: "The department recognized Lieut. Caffee as being one of the best turret officers in the entire service. He formerly served with distinction on the battleship Nebraska. We have not as yet received the full details of just how the explosion occurred."

TURKEY MARKET.

**About Eighty Thousand
Pounds Sold.**

The local turkey market has been quite brisk during the past two weeks and something like eighty thousand pounds have been shipped out to the Northern market, not including other poultry. The market was as high as 14½ cents, but about the end of last week there was a decline of one cent. The Peter Fox Sons Company shipped five car loads and the Haydon Produce Company about the same amount.

On yesterday Mr. Gabe L. Campbell sold to the Peter Fox Sons Co. a box of ten Bronze turkeys at the fancy price of 15½ cents. The ten birds weighed 226 pounds, averaging about \$3.50 apiece.

The crop in Christian is by no means exhausted and the indications are, judging from the number of turkeys still in the country, that December shipments will be even larger than those in November.

Groom in Short Trousers.

Paducah, Ky., Nov. 18.—The County Clerk's office here found its record for juvenile weddings broken yesterday, when Johnnie James Smith, seventeen years old, and Miss Ethel Wallace, fifteen years old, both of Paducah, were granted a marriage license.

The groom is an apprentice blacksmith at the Illinois Central shop. After the ceremony the couple left for Louisville on a bridal trip.

The groom wore short trousers and the bride was in frocks.

WITHOUT WARNING.

**Death Comes to Aged Lady
With Shocking Suddenness.**

Mrs. Nancy A. Harned, an aged lady of Honey Grove, dropped dead Friday. She was in the cook room with other members of the family looking after some little matter for one of her sons, and was standing by her sister, Mrs. Angie Adams, when she suddenly said "Catch me I am falling." She sank to the floor and died at once. Mrs. Harned was 85 years old last August and was the widow of the late Isaac Harned. She was the mother of eleven children. Five sons and two daughters survive her. She also leaves two aged sisters, Mrs. Angie Adams, aged 82 and Mrs. Jane West, aged 90. Still another sister, Mrs. Betsy Stinnett, aged 87, died at Lewisburg, Ky., only a week ago.

Mrs. Harned had been a member of the Methodist church for 68 years. The burial took place Saturday afternoon at the Hayes cemetery. She was one of the best of women and a shining example of christian faith and goodness.

OPENING NUMBER

**Of The Lyceum Course at
The Tabernacle.**

The Tabernacle Lyceum Course will open Friday night, the 15th, with "The Schuberts," a Quartet of Musicians and Entertainers than which there has been no better heard in Hopkinsville. The program will consist of Quartets, Duets, Soprano Solos, Scenes from Operas (in Costume), Contralto Solos, Bass Solos, Tenor Solos, Readings and Piano Duets. Each member of the Company is a thorough musician, and able to play piano well, each is a soloist and as such will appear on the program, each has a dramatic ability so that musical sketches will be given and their ensemble work is finished and of that quality that only long practice and actual singing experience before audiences can produce.

This attraction is a suitable opening for what will be the most popular course yet presented. The sale of seats indicates a larger audience than heretofore and those who do not attend will surely have cause to regret it.

GRIFFIN-O'STEEN.

**Sunday Wedding of South
Christian Couple.**

Fraser Griffin and Miss Lena O'Steen were married Sunday afternoon. The wedding occurred at the home of Rev. Israel Joiner, the officiating minister, near Lafayette.

The groom is a son of the late Buck Griffin and was reared in Lafayette. His bride is a daughter of Mr. John O'Steen, of the Pee Dee neighborhood. Mr. and Mrs. Griffin will reside at Pee Dee.

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